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USSR Protest Note

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1600 GMT 22 September 1962--L

(Text) USSR Deputy Foreign Minister Lapin, today received U.S. Charge d'Affaires in the USSR McSweeney and handed him the following protest note from the Soviet Government to the Government of the United States:

The USSR Foreign Ministry, on the instructions of the Government of the USSR, has the honor to state:

As has become known to the Soviet Government, Puerto Rico court authorities have placed an embargo on sugar belonging to a Soviet foreign trade organization carried aboard the British ship Streatham Hill, on its way from Cuba to the Soviet Union. The ship had called at San Juan for repairs.

The placing of an embargo on sugar belonging to the Soviet trade organization in the course of execution of a decision on the issue of a claim allegedly held against the government of a third state constitutes an act of open lawlessness. The United States, which has Puerto Rico under its jurisdiction, bears full responsibility for the unlawful action of the Puerto Rican court authorities.

The Government of the Soviet Union declares its resolute protest against the unlawful seizure of the load of Soviet sugar, demands an immediate lifting of the embargo, compensation for the damage caused, and adoption of measures aimed at prevention of similar acts in the future.

McSweeney said he would convey the note to the U.S. Government immediately.